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: STRUCTURE, INK SUPPLY )  
: SYSTEM, AND INKJET )  
: RECORDING HEAD )  
: UTILIZING THE FLUID )  
: COMMUNICATING SYSTEM ) April 11, 2007

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to Japan 6-183023, a copy of which is enclosed and which is listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

This document was cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action, which is dated April 3, 2007, is enclosed. In view of this date, it is hereby certified

under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that the document cited in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

In addition, this communication was not received by any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, such that Applicants should not be penalized for patent term adjustment. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(d).

Other documents cited in the Search Report have been cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated March 7, 2006.

A computer-generated translation of this Japanese reference was obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ("JPO"). Since the translation is computer-generated, and has not been reviewed by anyone conversant in both Japanese and English, it naturally contains numerous errors and omissions, and is clearly non-grammatical. Nevertheless, and in spite of these inaccuracies, it is felt that the translation is helpful for understanding the general nature of the technological content of the reference.

Also attached is a concise explanation of relevance, which includes a human translation of paragraphs [0020] and [0037].

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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